As per the approved construction programme of the project laid down in December, 1989, the time schedule for completion of the various components of the Project are as under :

		Year of completion
Unit-I	Dam . . .	1998
Unit-II	Canal CAD works .	2003-04
Unit-III	Hydro-power .	1996-97

(B) NARMADA SAGAR PROJECT

According to the implementation schedule revised by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, the main dam is proposed to be completed upto crest level by June, 1998. Installation of crest gates alongwith commissioning of all the eight power units of 125 MW each is proposed to be completed by December, 2000. The revised implementation schedule proposes to complete Phase-I of the Canal System by 1998-99 to synchronise with the construction of dam upto crest level so that the benefit of irrigation could be extended to 36,100 hectares of culturable command area. The entire canal system is proposed to be completed by 2006-2007.

Medium Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

946. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) how many medium irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh are pending with Central Water Commission for clearance;

(b) what are their names; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in clearance thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) to (c) Out of seven Medium Irrigation Projects of Andhra Pradesh with Central Water Commission, techno-economic examination of Yarrakalva, Meddileru and Kaulasnala has been completed. On Modikuntavagu, Palemvagu and Peddagadda the State Government is required to comply with the observations of Central appraising agencies and has to obtain clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests from forest angle. On the remaining Project namely, Bhupatipalem the State Government is required to comply with the observations on design flood, competency of reservoir, Benefit cost ratio and rehabilitation of the tribals.

Controversy over Narmada Sagar Project

947. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the controversy over Narmada Sagar Project in evicting thousands of villagers is still persisting;

(b) whether the Narmada Project is also creating environment problem since large area of forests are to be destroyed; and

(c) what final decision has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) There is no such controversy over Narmada Sagar Project. Government of Madhya Pradesh have prepared an Action Plan for rehabilitation of Project Affected Persons.

(b) and (c) The Project was cleared from environment and forest angles by the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests in June, 1987, subject to the implementation of certain environmental safeguards, including compensatory afforestation and catchment area treatment. The Narmada Control Authority will take appropriate steps to ensure implementation of the environmental safeguard measures *paripassu* with the construction of the Project.

Completion of Irrigation Projects

948. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of irrigation projects under Central Government which have not yet been completed;

(b) the total amount invested upto now on these projects and the amount required to complete these projects; and